

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 3, 2024**

Call to Order: Mayor Huddlestun called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence. The meeting was held with the building open to the public. The call-in number for the zoom connection was available and listed on the agenda and the website.

Roll Call: The following members were present in person: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Kara, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Winstead, Mr. Perryman, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer and City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Waldrop to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence: Director of Development Beth Jacobson presented the Council with a memorandum stating that the RDC Temporary Fund Transfer Repayment for the TIF loan was extended for six months.

Mrs. Longer stated she sent out information on the property tax distributions, and noted the tax anticipation warrants were paid in full. She stated that the City did not encumber anything for 2023 and the transfers were done and we are working on closing the year and once that is complete, we will put together the annual report. Mrs. Longer stated that the 2024 budget order was received Tuesday morning. She stated there are cuts that need to be made by the end of the week, but the general fund did not get cut for 2024.

Phil Gralik stated that the Stinky Creek Project is 90% designed. A new force main which is 5.3 miles from the main lift station to the Gary Sanitary District is moving along. Once the pipes are installed, the main lift station will be completely upgraded with new controls, pumps, and piping replaced which should be done by August 2024. A SCADADA system is being installed as well to show real time data. The 3rd Street project is almost done. The water company is still working and should be done in 2 weeks. Phil stated that Colorado St. is done except the "No U-Turn" signs which are due to be installed soon. This project was coordinated with Sam's Club in 2016 and with personnel turnover, the information was not given to them regarding the parking lot. They have to have this done by the end of April 2024. The Wisconsin St. Bridge project has been designed, but with the acquisition of the bait shop property; the design will need to be amended. The project will begin fall of 2024 and be closed through the winter and be complete in Spring of 2025. SR 51 will be closed south of 61st Ave and Colorado St. will be closed at the railroad tracks near 69th Ave. and for a short time 61st and Marcella will be closed. He stated that is essentially every North/South road that will be closed.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Kara, seconded by Mr. Perryman, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS for 2024:

Mr. Claussen requested that this be a single motion to accept the Board and Commission appointments as presented. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Ms. Winstead, to accept the appointments for the Boards and Commissions as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Election of Council President Pro Tempore: Claussen

Election of Finance Chairman: Claussen

Council Representatives for Boards & Commissions

Contractor's Licensing Board: Waldrop

Plan Commission: Kara

Park Board: Rodriguez

Hobart Sanitary/Stormwater District (HSD): Kopil

Economic Development Commission (EDC): Winstead

Standing Committee Appointments:

Streets and Alleys Committee: Kopil, Claussen

Ordinance Committee: Kopil (Chair), All Members

Finance Committee: Claussen (Chair), All Members

Lights and Hydrants Committee: Claussen, Perryman

Sanitation Committee: Kopil (Chair), Winstead, Perryman

Special Committees:

Tax Abatement Committee: Waldrop, Claussen, Winstead

Working Conditions Committee: Waldrop, Kopil, Kara

Solid Waste Committee: Waldrop, Claussen, Winstead

Vacant Building Committee: Waldrop, Winstead, Perryman

Insurance Committee: Waldrop, Claussen, Rodriguez

Tax Appeal Committee: Claussen, Rodriguez, Perryman

Council Appointments for 2024:

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA): John Brezik

Building Trade Representative to Contractor's Board: William Shearer

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Matt Claussen & Shawn P. Kelly

Designation of Newspapers for Legal Advertising: The Time and The Post Tribune

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2024-01: A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Transfers between funds for Cash Flow Purposes: The Resolution was read. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop to approve Resolution 2024-01 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Announcements: Mr. Huddlestun stated that the Council Meeting on January 17, 2024 will be cancelled as there will not be a quorum due to the AIM Elected Officials Training.

Mrs. Longer stated that the Board of Works meeting for January 17, 2024 will also be cancelled.

Mr. Huddlestun asked if anyone would like to address the Council and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kara to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER